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Our Case No. 10022/29

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gary R. Garrow et al.

Serial No. 09/690,793

Filing Date: October 17, 2000

For CONFIGURING MECHANICAL
EQUIPMENT

Examiner: James A. Reagan

Group Art Unit No.: 3621

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

On December 7, 2004, Examiner Reagan and the undersigned attorney for the Applicant conducted a telephonic interview regarding claims 1, 6 and 18. As discussed in the interview, the independent claims are being amended to better define a feature as being functional. Claim 1 is being amended to include the feature of claim 6. The Examiner will conduct a further search to determine the allowability of the claims as amended.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attached is/are:

- Transmittal Cover Letter (1p. Filed in Dup.); Summary of Interview (1p.);
 Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- No additional fee is required.
 Small Entity.
 An extension fee in an amount of \$____ for a ____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
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| Total | | Minus | | | x \$25= | | | x \$50= | |
| Indep. | | Minus | | | x 100= | | | x \$200= | |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim | | | | | +\$180= | | | +\$360= | |
| | | | | | Total | \$ | | Total | \$ |

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 Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
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 The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Date

Dec. 16, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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